

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: August 14, 2004

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Continuing Education Exemptions

Section Affected: 1397.62

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

To amend section 1397.62 to grant an exemption for licensed psychologists in active military duty that are stationed in California or those that have been outside of California for less than one year.

Factual Basis/Rationale

Currently, section 1397.62 states that the board shall grant an exemption from the mandatory continuing education requirements if, among other reasons, a licensed psychologist has been absent from California for at least one year because of military or missionary service reasonably preventing completion of the continuing education requirements. This section does not provide the same exemption for a California licensed psychologist in the military stationed inside California. Psychologists in active duty face many of the same challenges whether they are stationed across the world, across the state's border, or ten hours from their home in California. Therefore, this proposed regulation would allow an exemption from continuing education requirements for licensed psychologists regardless of location or amount of time in active military service that is stationed in California or has been outside of California for less than one year.

Underlying Data

Correspondence from Senator Roy Ashburn (Attachment A)

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.